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National Thanksgiving

BY THE PEOPLE OF CANADA

July 3rd, 1927

Order of Proceedings

DIAMOND JUBILEE
OF CONFEDERATION
1927

By Authority of the National Committee

On Sunday, July 3, at the hour of 2.30 in the afternoon from the coasts of the Atlantic ocean to the coasts of the Pacific ocean the people of the Dominion of Canada are invited to assemble and participate in an expression of Thanksgiving which will be nation-wide.

The selections on the accompanying pages have been made with a view to providing an order of proceedings which may be followed in all parts of the Dominion and which will permit of participation in the National Thanksgiving by the people as a whole.

It will be for provincial and local committees to make the arrangements necessary to the assembling of the people in their respective communities, and to the ensuring of due precision in the time and order of the proceedings.

At the capital of the Dominion, Their Excellencies the Governor General and the Viscountess Willingdon, the Prime Minister and Members of the Cabinet, Members of the Privy Council, the local Members of Parliament and of the Ontario Legislature, the Mayor and Members of the Council of the City of Ottawa and other public personages together with the heads of all religious denominations, will be asked to take a central position immediately in front of the entrance to the Houses of Parliament. Announcement of the several selections will be made by His Excellency The Governor General, and participation in the singing or recital thereof will be aided by such facilities as the Local Celebration Committee may provide.

At the Capitals of the several Provinces it is proposed that gatherings similar in character take place immediately in front of their respective Legislative Buildings, the Lieutenant Governors to be responsible for the order of proceedings.

In Canada the municipal system lies at the very basis of its parliamentary institutions. It is therefore proposed that in cities, towns and villages other than capitals the National Thanksgiving proceedings should be accorded a relationship to the Municipality similar to that given it at the several Capitals. No settlement or hamlet in the Dominion is too small or too remote to participate officially in the National Thanksgiving.

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"HE SHALL HAVE DOMINION ALSO FROM SEA TO SEA."

Psalm lxxii; 8.

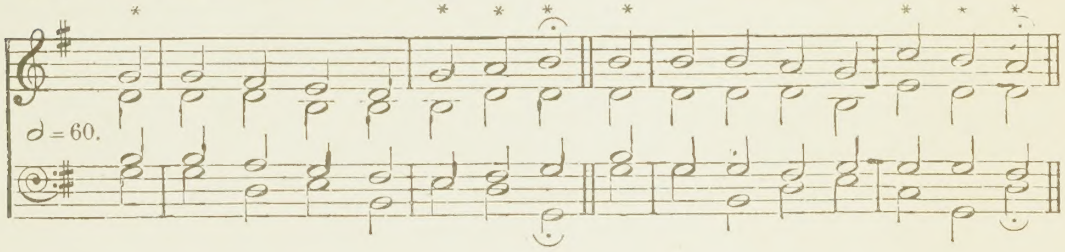
NATIONAL THANKSGIVING

By the People of Canada

July 3rd, 1927

Precisely at 2.30 in the afternoon, (local time) the proceedings shall commence.*

All present shall sing.

OLD HUNDREDTH. L.M. Key of G. *Pseaumes octante trois*, GENEVA, 1551.

No. 1. Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Whilst the order of proceedings herein set forth is one which it is hoped may be followed in all parts of the Dominion, it is recognized that additions thereto, or subtractions therefrom may be deemed advisable by local Committees; also that substitution of other numbers for those printed may be necessary, especially where translations are required. It is therefore understood that alterations of this kind may be made whenever local Committees so decide. The person presiding shall announce the several numbers in the order of proceedings and read aloud the explanatory passages. With the exception of the first and last numbers, the singing should, where possible, be preceded by the playing of the air by accompanying musical instruments as arranged for by the local Committees. To facilitate unison in the passages to be read aloud, such methods shall be followed as local Committees may arrange for in advance.

I.

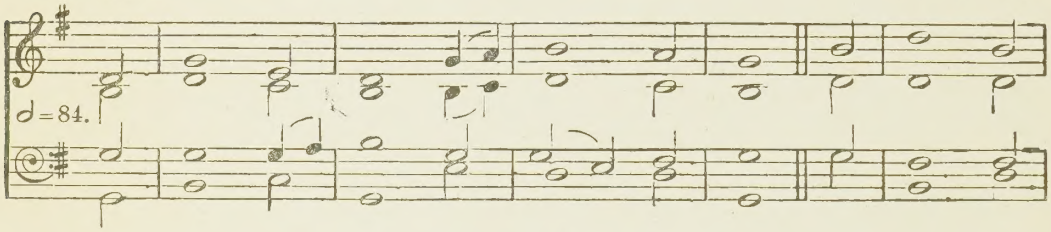
COMMEMORATIVE OF THE PIONEERS AND SETTLERS WHO LAID OUR COUNTRY'S FOUNDATIONS.

To be read by the person presiding.

It is appropriate that the first note of Thanksgiving should also be commemorative of the early pioneers and settlers who by their labours laid the foundations of our nation. The words of the following hymn have been sung through many generations and in many lands. They acquire a new significance as they call to mind the trials and privations of those heroic men and women who, in deep forest or lonely clearing, made the first Canadian homes. Leaving behind many of their own kin and friends and the securities and comforts of civilization, they brought with them a high courage, firm endurance, and an abiding faith in the God of their fathers.

Then shall be sung by all present.

MARTYRDOM. C.M. First Tune H. WILSON, 1764-1824.



No. 2.

O God of Bethel! by whose hand
Thy people still are fed;
Who through this weary pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led:

2 Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before Thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers! be the God
Of their succeeding race.

3 Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide;
Give us each day our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.

4 O spread Thy covering wings around,
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace.

Then Shall be read aloud by all present.

PSALM C.

No. 3.

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands;
Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord He is God;
It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture,
O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving and into His Courts with praise:
Be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name.
For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting;
And His truth endureth from generation to generation.

To be read by the person presiding.

The text of the Lord's Prayer as here set forth is as used at the opening of each day's proceedings in the Parliament of Canada by the Speaker of the Commons and the Speaker of the Senate.

Then shall be said by all present.

No. 4.

Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.—Amen.

II.

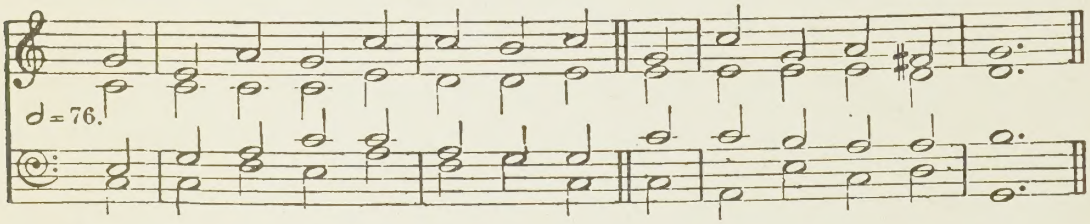
COMMEMORATIVE OF THE FATHERS OF CONFEDERATION

To be read by the person presiding.

The value and interest of history are derived chiefly from the lives and services of the men whom it commemorates. Without these the progress of the nation would be little worth recording. Upon this day of National Thanksgiving it is fitting to recall the eminent services of the Fathers of Confederation, through whose efforts the scattered Provinces of Canada have been united under one constitution. Our appreciation of their greatness increases with the passing years. To follow in their footsteps in devoted service to our country is the highest tribute we can pay to their memory. Expression is given to this tribute in the words of the following hymn.

Then shall be sung by all present.

ST. ANNE. C.M. Third Tune W. CROFT, 1678–1727.



No. 5.

Lord, while for all mankind we pray,
Of every clime and coast,
O hear us for our native land,
The land we love the most.

2 Our fathers' sepulchres are here,
And here our kindred dwell,
Our children too;—how should we love
Another land so well?

3 O guard our shores from every foe;
With peace our borders bless
With prosperous times our cities crown,
Our fields with plenteousness.

4 Unite us in the sacred love
Of knowledge, truth, and Thee;
And let our hills and valleys shout
The songs of liberty.

5 Lord of the nations, thus to Thee
Our country we commend;
Be Thou our refuge and our trust,
Our everlasting Friend. Amen.

Then shall be read aloud by all present.

No. 6.

i. Therefore thou shalt keep the Commandments of the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.
For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land; a land of brooks of water, of fountains, and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

A land of wheat, and barley and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil, olive and honey;
A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass;
When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which He hath given thee.
Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping His Commandments, and His Judgments and His Statutes..—Deut. viii. 6-11.

ii. Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be My people; and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.—Jer. vii., 23.

iii. Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.—Deut. v., 16.

iv. And what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.
Micah vi., 8.

v. If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day; and the Lord shall guide thee continually.—Isa. lviii., 10-11.

vi. These are the Statutes and Judgments, which ye shall observe to do in the land, which the Lord God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth.—Deut. xii., 1.

III.

COMMEMORATIVE OF THOSE WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN THE COUNTRY'S SERVICE.

To be read by the person presiding.

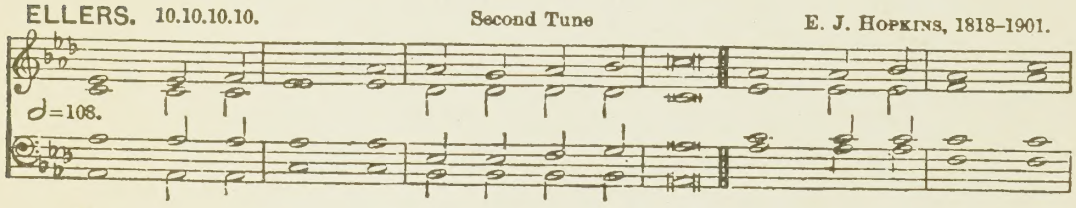
On this day of National Thanksgiving it is especially appropriate that we should keep in remembrance those brave men and women who have made the Supreme Sacrifice in the service of our country. We cannot more worthily commemorate their memory than in prayer that we, the living, may derive strength and courage to hold fast the principles of service and freedom for which they died.

Here shall be sounded

THE LAST POST

To be followed by a minute of complete silence.

At the conclusion of the minute of silence.

Shall be sung by all present.

No. 7.

O Valiant Hearts, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle-flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the Land you loved.

2 Proudly you gathered, rank on rank to war,
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave
To save Mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

3 Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

Amen.

IV.
A PRAYER FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE IN THE GOVERNMENT OF OUR LAND

To be read by the person presiding.

On February 19, 1877, a Select Committee of the Canadian House of Commons reported "that it is desirable that the business of the House be opened, each day, by prayer to Almighty God to invoke His blessings upon its deliberations". Save as to the italicized parts, rendered necessary through its adaptation to the present occasion, the text of the following prayer is that of a portion of the prayer as since read by the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Then shall be said by all present.

No. 8.

"Most Gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee..... especially for this Dominion, and herein more particularly for the Governor General, the Senate, and the House of Commons, in their legislative capacity, *as also for all legislative and municipal bodies in the discharge of their public duties;* that Thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of Thy glory, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign and His Dominions, that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth, and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. Amen.

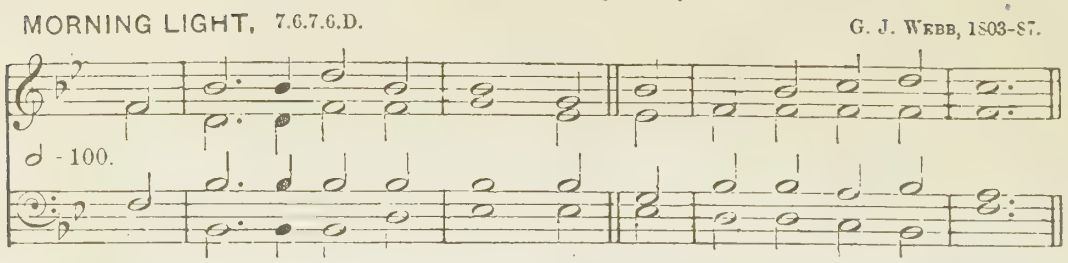
Then shall be read aloud by all present.

No. 9.

PSALM LXVII

God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise Thee, O God;
Let all the people praise Thee.
O let the nations be glad and sing for joy:
For Thou shalt judge the people righteously,
And govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise Thee, O God;
Let all the people praise Thee.
Then shall the earth yield her increase;
And God, even our own God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us;
And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

Then shall be sung by all present.



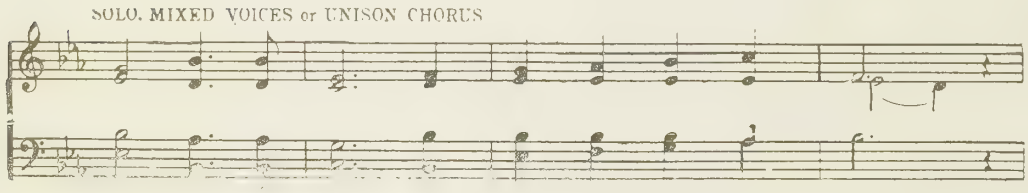
No. 10.

From ocean unto ocean
  Our land shall own Thee Lord,
And filled with true devotion,
  Obey Thy sovereign word.
Our prairies and our mountains,
  Forest and fertile field,
Our rivers, lakes and fountains,
  To Thee shall tribute yield.

Amen.

V.

NATIONAL ANTHEMS

Then shall be sung by all present.

O CANADA

No. 11.

O Canada! Our Home and Native Land!
True patriot-love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North, strong and free,
And stand on guard, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.
  O Canada, glorious and free!
  We stand on guard, we stand on guard
    for thee!
  O Canada, we stand on guard for thee!

O Canada! Terre de nos aieux,
Ton front est ceint de fleurons
    glorieux:
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix;
Ton histoire est une épopée
Des plus brillants exploits
Et ta valeur, de foi trempée,
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits,
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.

No. 12.

Then shall be sung by all present.

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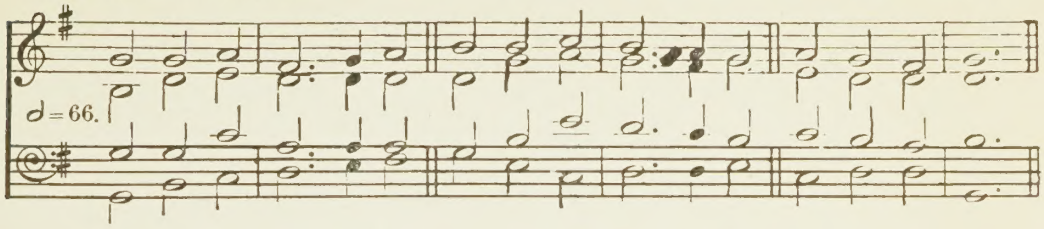

GOD SAVE THE KING

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King:
Send Him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the King.

THE END.

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